

Other Preschool Options



In addition to our tuition programs, free preschool programs are offered to families that qualify:

- **Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP)** is a state funded preschool for four year olds. Families must qualify for this program. To see if you qualify, go to the Help Me Grow website www.hmgallegan.org and click on "Family Resources" then "Preschool and Childcare."
- **Head Start** is a federally funded free preschool for both 3 and 4 year olds with center based and home based options. Families must qualify based on income guidelines. Visit www.hmgallegan.org and click on "Family Resources" then "Preschool and Childcare" to see if you qualify.
- **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)** are offered for preschool children with special needs. If you have concerns about your child's development, call WUS Special Programs at 269-792-3069.



Preschool Programs 2023-2024



WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



Dorr Elementary School
4159 18th Street
Dorr
(616) 681-9637

Baker Elementary School
507 W. Sycamore Street
Wayland
(269) 792-9208

Preschool Programs

Thank you for your interest in Wayland Union Schools Preschool programs. We offer tuition classes for both 3 and 4 year-olds at Baker and Dorr Elementary Schools that will help prepare your little one for kindergarten readiness. Our preschools promote learning through play by providing developmentally appropriate activities. We focus on the whole child to help them grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Our three year-old classes have a limit of 16 students. Our four year-old classes have a limit of 17 students at Baker Elementary and a limit of 20 at Dorr Elementary.

Dorr Elementary Programs:

- 4 year old Half Day AM (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:05am - 11:45am
- 4 year old Half Day PM (Mon, Wed, Fri) 12:30pm - 3:15pm
- 3 year old Half Day AM (Tue, Thu) 9:05am - 11:45am
- 3 year old Half Day PM (Tue, Thu) 12:30pm - 3:15pm

Baker Elementary Programs:

- 4 year old Extended Day 3 Day (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:05am - 3:20pm
- 4 year old Extended Day 2 Day (Tue, Thu) 9:05am - 3:20pm
- 4 year old Half Day AM (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:05am - 11:45am
- 4 year old Half Day PM (Mon, Wed, Fri) 12:30pm - 3:15pm
- 3 year old Half Day AM (Tue, Thu) 9:05am - 11:45am
- 3 year old Half Day PM (Tue, Thu) 12:30pm - 3:15pm

Rates:

- 3 yr. old Half Day \$110/month (in-district*) \$125/month (non-district)
- 4 yr. old Half Day \$150/month (in-district*) \$165/month (non-district)
- 4 yr. old Extended Day 2 Days \$190/month (in-district*) \$210 (non-district)
- 4 yr. old Extended Day 3 Days \$280/month (in-district*)\$310 (non-district)

*WUS residents receive a discounted rate from the Gun Lake Casino in-lieu of tax monies

Enrollment

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on **Monday, February 27, 2023 at 9:00am**. At that time a link will be placed on the home page of the district website, waylandunion.org and on the Preschool page (click on the Early Childhood tab under *Departments* and then click *Preschool*.)

***Current preschool families and WUS district families will be sent an email with the pre-admission link in early February. Priority will be given to in-district families prior to February 27, 2023.**

Completing the pre-admission application does NOT guarantee a spot in a classroom, but will allow us to contact you with the next steps and/or be placed on a waitlist. The online pre-admission form will save your spot in line for registration while you complete the forms and submit the enrollment fee.

What is the next step after I submit the Pre-Admission Form?

Step 1: You will receive an email or text invitation from Brightwheel to connect to your child's profile and to set up your Brightwheel account.

Step 2: Within 5-7 business days, you will receive a confirmation email with an invite to complete enrollment forms and set up billing information. (Please note: your child is not enrolled until we have received your enrollment fee and the required paperwork is completed).

Step 3: Enrollment Fee - if there is an immediate opening, we will add an invoice into your Brightwheel account. If there is not an opening, you will be placed on a waitlist and no deposit is required.

Step 4: By the first day of school, please submit your completed Health Appraisal Form to the school.

How do I know if I have a spot on the roster?

Within 5-7 business days you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to secure your spot on either a classroom roster or on a waitlist. If we are able to offer you a spot right away, then an invoice will be added to your Brightwheel account for the \$75 enrollment fee (\$100/family). If we need to add you to a waitlist, then you can join the list at no charge.

Tuition Payments

Families enroll at the beginning of the school year for automatic payments in their child's Brightwheel account. Payments are posted on the first of each month from September to May (9 months).